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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/523,845	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ANGELSKAAR, TERJE	
	<b>Examiner</b> James Goloboy	<b>Art Unit</b> 1797	

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)          | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Applicant's amendment filed 1/9/09 overcomes the rejections set forth in the office action mailed 9/15/08. Applicant's arguments regarding claim 1 and its dependent claims are persuasive and new grounds of rejection for those claims are set forth below.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. Claims 1-2, 4-10, and 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto in view of Grier and Jonnes.

The rejections of claims 2, 7-10, and 14-18 are adequately set forth in paragraph 5 of the office action mailed 9/15/08, which is incorporated here by reference. It is further noted that the only process step recited in claims 1 and 4-6 is the application of the lubricating composition to a metal tube, which is taught by Matsumoto. Claims 1 and 4-6 are therefore rendered obvious as well.

3. Claims 3 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto in view of Grier and Jonnes as applied to claims 1-2, 4-10, and 14-18 above, and further in view of Kuwamoto.

This rejection is adequately set forth in paragraph 6 of the office action mailed 9/15/08, which is incorporated here by reference.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments regarding the rejections of claims 1 and 4-6 in the previous office action are persuasive. However, as noted above, Matsumoto, Grier, and Jonnes do disclose applying the lubricant to a metal tube, which is the only process step recited in claim 1.

Applicant's arguments regarding claim 2 and its dependent claims are not persuasive. Claim 2 recites a composition consisting essentially of a solid mixture of components. Matsumoto, Grier, and Jonnes disclose an aqueous composition containing these components. However, the water present in this aqueous composition clearly does not affect the basic and novel characteristics of the claimed composition, because the claimed composition is intended to be added to water and used as an aqueous lubricant. It is noted that while the lubricating composition of claim 2 consists essentially of a solid mixture, it is not required to be a solid lubricating composition.

Applicant's arguments regarding claim 14 and its dependent claims are similarly not persuasive. The composition of Matsumoto, Grier, and Jonnes comprises the solid mixture. The claim does not require the lubricating composition to be solid.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Goloboy whose telephone number is (571)272-2476. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on 571-272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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